

**Remarks**

By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification as been revised, and Claims 1-12 have been canceled. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam C. Volentine', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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